

Seed Barn

Herrick Archives Number H 121

A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

1. Name

1.1 Building was never officially named by Board of Trustees.

1.2 Alternate Names Noted:

Experiment Station Seed Barn

Grain Barn

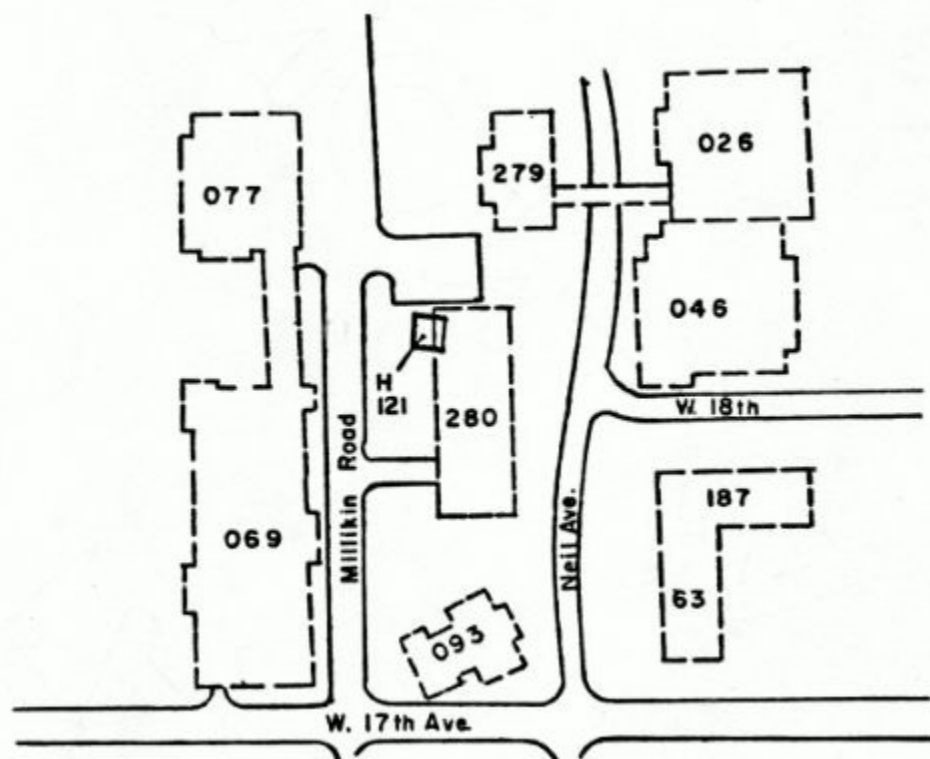
Horticulture Seed Barn

Barn northwest of Townshend

2. Location

2.1 Located near northwest corner of Baker Systmes Engineering Building (280). See sketch map below which shows the approximate location. Available maps do not permit a more precise sketch.

2.2 For indexing purposes, 1999 Neil Avenue is arbitrarily assigned as the address.



For identification of other buildings shown, see Appendix A.

3. General Description

3.1 Type of construction:

Frame (McC 1:8A)

3.2 No. of stories:

Basement and two stories (McC 1:8A)

3.3 Increments of construction:

None noted

3.4 Size of building:

3.4.1 Floor area of 3,600 sq.ft. (McC 1:8A)

3.4.2 Volume of 86,400 cu.ft. (McC 1:8A)

B. HISTORY OF THE BUILDING

1. The Board of Trustees on May 5, 1885 gave permission to the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, which was located on campus, to erect a building for "seed rooms, and the storage of tools and implements...."

2. The annual reports of the Experiment Station, which are housed in the University Archives, make no reference to the construction of this building, but the Horticulture Department in its report for 1885 states that it had partial use of the building "recently erected by the experiment station." (R 1885:67) McCracken (1:23) reports that it was built in 1885, but at another place (1:8A) he gives 1884 as the date. This cannot be correct since Board of Trustees approval was not granted until March 1885.

See Addendum No. 1

3. On November 8, 1901, after the Experiment Station had moved to Wooster and ownership of the building had passed to the University, the Board of Trustees approved the moving of the building "to a site near the other farm buildings..." The other farm buildings were the barns in the vicinity of the present Women's Field House (029). See Report H 105.

McCracken (2:23) reports that the building was moved as requested. However, it would appear that the move was delayed, since it appears in its original location in Photograph X 7622 taken in 1904. The 1904 may be questioned, but this photograph also shows Building 093, which was occupied in the Autumn of 1903.

See Addenda Nos. 3, 4

4. McCracken (4:14A) reports that this building was razed about 1909.

C. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:

X 7622

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ADDENDUM NO. 1

The Board of Control of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station on September 1, 1885 reviewed and approved plans for a seed and tool building, according to minutes on file in the library at the station in

Wooster. Thus, the date of construction could not have been 1884 as McCracken indicates in one place.

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ADDENDUM NO. 2

Conclusive evidence that the moving of this building was delayed is found in the fact the Lantern on November 11, 1903 reported a boiler explosion in the building on November 6, 1903. This was also reported in the December 1903 Agricultural Student (p.58) and in McCracken (2:57). McCracken states that the building at the time of the explosion was about 200 ft. north of the Veterinary Laboratory (093).

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ADDENDUM NO. 3

The Ohio State Journal on November 7, 1903 reported the November 6 explosion. According to this account the boiler that exploded was in the road just north of the barn (H 121), and a part of the side of the barn was blown out.

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ADDENDUM NO. 4

This building appears on Map 190-10 dated February 1906 and 190-14 published in October 1907. It does not appear on Map 190-15 based on surveys made by the Civil Engineering Department in 1907. In my judgment, Map 190-15 is more likely to be accurate than Map 190-14. I would also accept Map 190-10. Thus, I would conclude that Building H 121 was removed sometime in 1906 or 1907.

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